Working Hours Of Casual Workers In Doordarshan

2524. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 587 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th December, 1999 and state :—

(a) What are the guidelines regarding the maximum and minimum limit of giving work to the casual workers employed in Doordarshan till their services are regularised;

(b) Whether there are instances of late payment of their remuneration running over months together, specially in CPC;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure timely payment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) the casual artists engaged by Doordarshan are engaged, subject to the exigencies, for a maximum 10 days in a month on rotational basis. The engagement of Group-D staff is governed by the guidelines issued by the DOPT, as applicable to all the Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India.

(b) to (d) Some payments for the months of February and March. 2000 in Doordarshan News have been delayed for want of funds. These are being made now from the current financial year's budget.

Criminal Conspiracy And Cheating Cases In Doordarshan

2525. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether CBI has registered cases against Doordarshan employees and private firms for criminal conspiracy and cheating the Doordarshan to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which came to the notice of Government during the last five years;

(c) whether Government have take any action in such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?